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SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

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1. REFTELS DELINEATE DIFFICULTY EMBASSY FACES IN APPROACH-
ING SAUDI OFFICIALS TO ELICIT SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES
AND COUNTLESS OTHER WORTHY AID OR RELIEF PROGRAMS. FIRST,
THERE IS NO INDIVIDUAL, OFFICE OR MINISTRY COORDINATING DO-
NOR AID. SECOND, SAUDI ARABIA IS APPROACHED BY AN ENDLESS
STREAM OF SUPPLIANTS SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VARI-
OUS GROUPS, COUNTRIES, AND FUNDS. THIRD, DESPITE A LAUDA-
TORY AID RECORD, SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER OIL PRODUCING -
STATES ARE OFTEN CRITICIZED FOR FAILING TO DO MORE. /

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2. THE SAUDIS DO NOT SEE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN SUPPORTING

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND PROVIDING REFUGEE RELIEF. ALTHOUGH THEIR VIEWS MAY BE SOMEWHAT ROMANTIC, THEY SEE THE REFUGEE CAMPS AS REAR AREAS TO WHICH THE AFGHANI MEN RETURN PERIODICALLY TO REST, RECOVER FROM WOUNDS AND RESUPPLY BEFORE RETURNING TO THE FRONT.

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THE FOLLOWING
RECAPITULATION OF SAUDI AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS. THE AMOUNTS CITED HAVE BEEN PROVIDED OVER THE PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

AMOUNT	SOURCE
SR 60 MILLION (\$23.5 MILLION)	PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS SENT
- - - - -	- THROUGH GOVERNMENT OF
- - - - -	- PAKISTAN.
SR 50 MILLION (\$14.7 MILLION)	SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT
- - - - -	- THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION
- - - - -	- OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE.
SR 5-10 MILLION (1.5-3 MILLION)	SAUDI RED CRESENT ASSIS-
- - - - -	- ANCE IN KIND (MEDICINE AND
- - - - -	- FOOD). NEUMANN

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